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Genuine Care and Concern Goes a Long Way!

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Genuine Care and Concern goes a Long Way! I recently witnessed genuine care and concern within our Army National Guard during annual training. I share this because the Holy Bible speaks and it serves as a reminder of how care and concern impacts and invests into the lives of others. Care and concern are not expressions that are expected, by the civilian world, from a military environment; however our Army values of selfless service and respect express themselves as we show genuine care and concern for our fellow soldiers. Further, care and concern are a mark of our professionalism, as soldiers.

Soldiers, from various units, have sometimes shown up at drill and annual training without a penny in their pockets. Their fellow soldiers helped "patch them through" until their pay came. We are facing very difficult economic times, yet I have witnessed soldiers helping each other out because it is the right thing to do and sharing the love of God with each other. Certainly, we determine to pull our own weight and carry our own burdens; but, times of need come to us all. When genuine need comes, genuine care and concern fittingly follows.

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? -1 John 3:17

Do to others as you would have them do to you. -Luke 6:31

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy--to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. -Jude 1:20-21, 24-25.